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CONTINUATION APPLICATION REQUEST TRANSMITTAL FORM 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

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DOCKET NO. 10546/53003	ANTICIPATED CLASSIFICATION OF THIS APPLICATION:		PRIOR APPLICATION 08/988.052		
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This is a request for filing a **continuation** application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. **08/988,052**, filed on **December 10, 1997**, entitled **SURGICAL APPARATUS AND METHOD**, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/352,325, filed on **December 7, 1994**, now U.S. Patent No. 5,868,760.

Enclosed are:

1. $\underline{69}$ sheets of specification, $\underline{18}$ sheets of claims, $\underline{1}$ sheet of abstract; and $\underline{14}$ sheets of drawings.

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